Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Previously Presented) A document generation system comprising:
- an assembly facility configured to apply precedence and rules to document content and to be coupled to an origination platform;
- a knowledge base configured to be coupled to the assembly facility and to store content in a hierarchy; and
- a content management system configured to be coupled to the knowledge base and to support authoring of document content and rules.
- 2. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to validate data received from the origination platform.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to receive transaction information from the origination platform.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the transaction information includes an identifier of an entity requesting at least one document.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the assembly facility is configured to apply precedence to the document content by selecting document content based on the transaction information.
- 6. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the assembly facility is configured to generate a resolved, markup language file.
- 7. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the resolved, markup language file is an XML file to which a style sheet may be applied to generate a file in an output format.
- 8. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to operate with an interface to receive information from the origination platform.

- 9. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the interface is an application programming interface.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by a press process.
- 11. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of stored procedures.
- 12. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by press process and includes a plurality of stored procedures.
- 13. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of object stores.
- 14. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each object store corresponds to an architecture specified by a schema or a document type definition.
- 15. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the knowledge base includes a rules object store and a content object store.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claims 13, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 16, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object selected from the group consisting of an external object, a binary object, and a character object.
- 18. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each binary and character object is composed of XML text fragments.
- 19. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions for generating a document, the instructions comprising:

acquiring data from an origination platform;

interacting with a knowledge base to create a listing of a first set of documents; modifying the listing of the first set of documents based on user input;

validating data acquired from the origination platform; and

interacting with a knowledge base and applying precedence and rules to document content to create a second set of documents based on the listing of the first set of documents.

- 20. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 19, further comprising instructions for transforming each of the documents in the second set of documents into an XML file.
- 21. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 20, further comprising instructions for applying style sheets to the XML file.
- 22. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 21, further comprising instructions for converting the XML file to a second file having a format other than an XML format.
- 23. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 19, further comprising instructions for generating a document from the listing of the first set of documents that is a layout document.
- 24. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 19, further comprising instructions for validating data received from the origination platform.
- 25. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 19, further comprising instructions for performing a press process.
- 26. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 19, further comprising instructions for a plurality of stored procedures.
- 27. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling computer-processable components into computer-processable end products, the method comprising:

interacting with a knowledge base to create a listing of a first set of end products;

interacting with a knowledge base to identify end product content based on the listing of the first set of end products, the end product content containing at least one object;

extracting rules from the knowledge base; and

assembling a second set of end products based upon applying precedence and rules to the end product content.

- 28. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising acquiring data from an origination platform.
- 29. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising validating data acquired from the origination platform.
- 30. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising modifying one or more end products in the listing of the first set of end products based on user input.
- 31. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising assigning a name to each object.
- 32. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 31, wherein applying precedence to the end product content includes associating each object with a parent having a name.
- 33. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 32, wherein applying precedence to the end product content includes assigning the at least one object to a precedence level while retaining an association to the name of the object's parent.
- 34. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions for generating a document, the instructions comprising:

interacting with a knowledge base to create a listing of a first set of documents;

interacting with a knowledge base to identify document content based on the listing of the first set of documents;

applying precedence to the document content;

extracting rules from the knowledge base; and

assembling a second set of documents based upon applying precedence and rules to the document content.

35. (Withdrawn) A set of computer-processable end products assembled by a method, the method comprising:

interacting with a knowledge base to create a listing of a first set of computer-processable end products;

interacting with a knowledge base to identify computer-processable end product content based on the listing of the first set of computer-processable end products;

applying precedence to the computer-processable end product content;
applying rules to the computer-processable end product content; and
assembling a second set of computer-processable end products based upon applying
precedence and rules to the computer-processable end product content.

- 36. (Withdrawn) The set of computer-processable end products as claimed in claim 35, further comprising acquiring data from an origination platform.
- 37. (Withdrawn) The set of computer-processable end products as claimed in claim 35, further comprising validating the acquired data from the origination platform.
- 38. (Withdrawn) The set of computer-processable end products as claimed in claim 35, further comprising modifying the listing of the first set of end products based on user input.
- 39. (Withdrawn) A set of documents generated by a method, the method comprising: interacting with a knowledge base to create a listing of a first set of documents; interacting with a knowledge base to identify document content based on the listing of the first set of documents;

applying precedence to the document content;

applying rules to the document content; and

assembling a second set of documents based upon applying precedence and rules to the document content.

- 40. (Withdrawn) The document as claimed in claim 39 wherein the method further comprises acquiring data from an origination platform.
- 41. (Withdrawn) The document as claimed in claim 39 wherein the method further comprises validating the acquired data from the origination platform.
- 42. (Withdrawn) The document as claimed in claim 39 wherein the method further comprises modifying the listing of the first set of documents based on user input.
- 43. (Withdrawn) A method for generating documents, the method comprising:

acquiring data from an origination platform;

interacting with a knowledge base to create a listing of a first set of documents;

interacting with a knowledge base to identity document content based on the listing of the first set of documents;

applying precedence to the document content based on the acquired data; applying rules to the document content based on the acquired data; and assembling a second set of documents based upon applying precedence and rules to the document content.

- 44. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 43, further comprising validating the acquired data from the origination platform.
- 45. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 43, further comprising modifying the listing of the first set of documents based on user input.